GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF APPLES .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The annual quantum of production of apples recorded in the country;

(b) Whether there is any proposal under Government`s consideration to substantially increase the production of apples in the country;

(c) If so, the areas/places identified for the purpose; and

(d) The steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The annual production of apple in the country is 17.39 lakh MTs. The state-wise breakup of apple production is as under:-

S.No.	State	Production (in lakh MTs)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	0.095
2	Himachal Pradesh	5.276
3	Jammu & Kashmir	10.933
4	Uttaranchal	1.085
5	Others	0.001
	Total	17.390

(b) to (d): In order to substantially increase the production of horticulture crops including apple in the apple growing states in country, this Ministry of Agriculture, is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern states including Sikkim` since 2001-02. The scheme was further extended to three other contiguous hilly states namely Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal during the year 2003-04.

The scheme is being implemented in a Mission Mode addressing the issues related to development of horticulture such as, production and productivity, post harvest management, marketing and processing in an end to end approach. The scheme is being implemented on cluster approach with area differentiated strategies to increase the production and productivity of horticulture crops.